WEEKEND MASSES
ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
CLONALVY: 10.00AM (SUNDAY)
CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25TH OCTOBER 2026



Please pray for Richard Corry brother of Berlo O'Connor who passed away in England on the 16th of October. May he rest in peace.

		MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Sunday	**1st Nov**		
Ardcath	**6.30pm**	**Maire McKenna**	**Jill Tuite**
Clonalvy	**10.00am**	**Patricia Harford**	**Breda Murray**
Curraha	**11.30am**	**Liz Keogh**	**Margaret Nugent**

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	M.M. Thomas Hand A.V. Marie & Ritchie Barry A.V. Gerry & Pauline Cromwell A.V. Richard Dunne & DFM & the Fox Family A.V. Christine Gillian
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	M.M. Gerald Mescal Special Intention
Mon	26th Curraha	7.30pm	No Mass
Tues	27th Clonalvy	9.30am	Special Intention
Thur	29th Curraha	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri	30th Ardcath	9.30am	Special Intention



SUNDAY 1ST OF NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS

Vigil	Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Andy Cromwell Rem his wife June
Sunday	Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Paddy McGuinness Rem wife Agnes & grandson Gavin
Sunday	Curraha	11.30am	A.V. Sonny & Nora Canning

PARISH COLLECTIONS 12th & 13th September 2026

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	**€ 92.66**	**€157.30**	**€ 438.11**
Envelopes	**€ 0.00**	**€ 0.00**	**€ 240.00**
Offerings	**€ 300.00**	**€ 10.00**	**€ 155.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND UPKEEP OF OUR PARISH

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ENROLMENT 2026/2027: St. Andrew's Primary School, Curraha is now enrolling for 2026/2027 school year. Enrolment forms are available at www.standrewscurragha.com. For assistance or queries, email office@standrewscurragha.com. Join a warm, vibrant learning community where every child is encouraged to thrive. Early applications are strongly encouraged.





ARDCATH G.A.A. MONSTER AUCTION takes place in Bennett's on Friday, 30 October. Enjoy a fantastic evening of community spirit, great value bargains and exciting auction lots while supporting the ongoing development of our club. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated. Bring family and friends for what promises to be an enjoyable night.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful benefactors for your generous donations of products for this year's Harvest Thanksgiving Mass. Your offerings have truly blessed our celebration and will bring comfort to those in need.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH! You have arrived in a rural Catholic community living the Gospel through Eucharist, prayer, and charity. Rooted in faith and Irish heritage. Journeying together in Christ: spreading faith, nurturing communion, sharing God's blessings. May you feel as good as possible among us and benefit from this experience!





HARVEST THANKSGIVING: This Sunday our Harvest Thanksgiving Masses provide an opportunity to give thanks for the fruits of the earth, the dedication of our farming families, and God's blessings throughout the year. As a parish community, we come together in prayer and gratitude, celebrating our rural heritage, faith, and shared responsibility for caring for creation.

ANNUAL MASSES FOR THE BEREAVED: We warmly invite the families of parishioners who have died since last November to the Annual Masses for the Bereaved on the weekend of 7th-8th November. Together, we will remember our loved ones in prayer, give thanks for their lives, and find comfort, strength, and hope in our faith and parish community.





JESUS STORY: My children, listen carefully. No one knows the day or the hour when I will come. So be ready, not with fear, but with love. Stay close to Me through prayer, kindness, and faithfulness. Let your hearts be awake and your hands ready to do good, so that whenever I come, I will find you living in My love.

8 DAYS OF LIGHT – WE REMEMBER THEM: From **1st to 8th November**, our parish invites you to our Novena for All Souls. Add the names of your loved ones to the **Garden of Remembrance** and join us each mass in prayer. We conclude with our **Annual Remembrance Mass** on **Sunday, 8th November**. A special welcome to all who have been bereaved during the past year.





HABITS OF THE HEART: Jesus teaches us to be ready, watchful, and faithful every day. Develop the habit of being prepared by living with prayer, kindness, and trust in God. A prepared heart welcomes every opportunity to love, serve, and do good. Readiness is not fearfully waiting for tomorrow, but faithfully living for Christ today.

NOVENA FOR ALL SOULS: Join us for our Novena for All Souls as we prayerfully remember the faithful departed. On 2 November, Candle Mass in Curragha at 7:30pm followed by a candle procession to the cemetery. Throughout the week: rosaries, family prayer, school Masses, adoration, and on 7-8 November our Annual Masses for the Bereaved. Together, the Pilgrim Church prays for the Suffering Church.





ABC OF FAITH: Befriending means welcoming others with kindness, respect, and care. Jesus called His disciples friends and showed them the power of faithful friendship. A good friend listens, encourages, forgives, and helps others grow. By befriending those around us, we share Christ's love and make our communities warmer, stronger, and happier.

NEW NUNCIO TO IRELAND: Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has appointed Archbishop Jan Romeo Pawłowski, formerly Apostolic Nuncio to Greece, as the new Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. Welcoming the appointment, Archbishop Eamon Martin, President of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, expressed great joy and assured Archbishop Pawłowski of prayers and best wishes as he begins his ministry among the people of Ireland.





INCENTIVE SUPER-RESPONSE TENDENCY: We are often motivated by rewards, praise, or recognition. Jesus teaches us to do good not only for what we gain, but because it is right and loving. True disciples serve with generous hearts, seeking God's approval above all. Love grows strongest when goodness becomes its own reward.

NOON BELLS: Every day at noon, church bells ring across Europe, recalling a historic victory and a living faith. Introduced by Pope Callixtus III in 1456 after Iancu de Hunedoara's triumph at Belgrade, they call Christians to prayer, gratitude, and remembrance. Their sound continues to echo courage, unity, and trust in God's providence.





NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD: As November, the Month of the Holy Souls, approaches, parishioners are invited to submit their List of the Dead for remembrance at all November Masses and First Fridays. Envelopes are available in church. Through prayer and remembrance, we honour our loved ones and entrust them to God's eternal mercy and peace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS formation pending in both Curragha and Ardcath/Clonalvy, with the new councils in place by December. The Bishop asks all councils to priorities welcoming and involving young people returning to parish life. Ardcath also seeks a new Finance Committee member with entry-level accounting experience to support ongoing stewardship and planning.





CHRIST THE KING YOUTH FESTIVAL invites secondary school students to a joyful day of faith, friendship and inspiration on Sunday, 22 November 2026, in Mullingar. With Mass, talks, testimonies, games, prayer and Adoration, the theme is *"Take courage! I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). Free buses available. Register via Eventbrite today.